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Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Kim Hyun Chong (Republic of Korea), on the basis of informal consultations

Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2008 will be "Building capabilities and capacities at all levels for timely humanitarian assistance, including disaster risk reduction" and that it will convene two panels, the topics of which will be "Disaster risk reduction and preparedness: addressing the humanitarian consequences of natural disasters, including the impact of climate change" and "Humanitarian challenges related to global food aid, including enhancing international efforts and cooperation in this field".

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Venue and dates of the twenty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the letter dated 27 February 2008 from the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[1] informing the Council of the offer of the Government of Yemen to host the twenty-fifth session of the Commission,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Yemen for its generous offer;

2. *Approves* the holding of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission in Sana'a from 24 to 27 May 2008.

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Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Presidents of the Council, Andrei Dapkiunas (Belarus) and Kim Hyun Chong (Republic of Korea), on the basis of informal consultations

Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development

The Economic and Social Council decides, with regard to the event to discuss relief to development:

(a) The theme of the event will be "Coordination in the transition phase between emergency relief and sustainable recovery";

(b) The event will be an informal activity held on the morning of 15 July 2008;

(c) The event will consist of one panel discussion and there will be no negotiated outcome.

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